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(786 - 809) HARUN-AL-RASHID

Caliph of Arabia and 5th in the line of the ABBASSIDES. He succeeded his elder brother, AL-HADI in 786. Under him, the capital, BAGDAD, became the most flourishing city of the times. He is best known as the Caliph ^{around} whom center the tales of the Arabian Nights. His success was due to the ability of the grand vizier YAHYA, of the family of the BARMECIDES. The

Caliph grew envious and distrustful of them
and put the vizier & his four sons to death.
After this, rebellions spread throughout
the Caliphate & while on the way to check
a formidable rebellion at KHORASSAN in
809, he was attacked by apoplexy and
died.

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The first Vikings burst from fjords
and other northern European harbors
with freewheeling pagan vigor,
launching an age of exploration,
commerce, and colonization that
lasted almost 300 yrs from 790-1066
They were sea raiders from these
Scandinavian homelands - Norway,
Sweden, and Denmark. The Danes

made their mark in the British Isles
and along the coasts of Europe. The
Swedes penetrated the Continent on Russian
rivers reaching Constantinople and the Orient.
The Norwegians struck boldly across the
Atlantic to gain a foothold in America.

C 790 \pm AD

A Moorish Army led by a strong soldier named TARIK moved into the Iberian Peninsula. The place where he landed is called GIBRALTAR. (This means "hill of Tarik") The Moors came by the thousands. They lived in Spain for more than 200 yrs.

The Moors probably introduced Arabic
numerals into Europe.

They built Córdoba

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Charlemagne's Arab Campaign.

Constantine seized control of Constantinople
by a coup d'état

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Learning was encouraged
by Charlemagne, who founded
schools, monasteries and
cathedrals

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Vikings begin attacks on
British
land in Ireland 795.